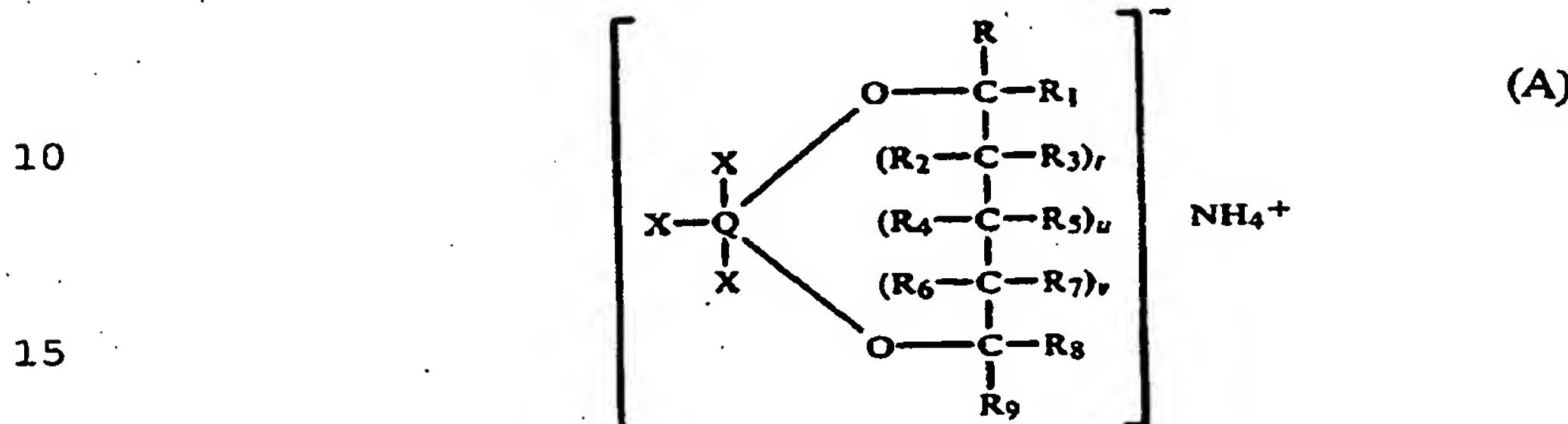


We Claim:

1. A method of treating warts which comprises the
5 administration of a tellurium compound of the formula:



TeX_4 , when X is Cl, Br or F

or the following complex: $\text{TeO}_2 \cdot \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \cdot \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$;

5 or

$(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4\text{P} + (\text{TeCl}_3(\text{O}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4))$ - (E)

wherein t is 1 or 0; u is 1 or 0; v is 1 or 0; R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , and R_9 , are the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,

10 hydroxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, hydroxy, alkyl or from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, halogen, haloalkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, carboxy, alkylcarbonylalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, alkanoyloxy of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, carboxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons atoms, acyl, amido, cyano, amidoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, N-monoalkylamidoalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, N,N-dialkylamidoalkyl of 4 to 10 carbons, cyanoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons alkoxy of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms and COR_{10} , wherein R_{10} is alkyl of 1 to 5 carbons; and X is halogen.

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2. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium compound is ammonium trichloro (dioxoethylene-O,O') tellurate.

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3. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium compound is administered topically.

4. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium compound is administered systemically.

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5. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium compound is administered as a 1 to 30% solution.

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6. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium compound is administered as a 1 to 30% hydrophilic or

hydrophobic ointment.

7. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the wart is
5 selected from the group consisting of common warts, flat
warts, genital warts, cutaneous warts, laryngeal papillomas,
and oral papillomas.

8. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the wart is a
10 common wart.

9. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the wart is a
genital wart.

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